

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

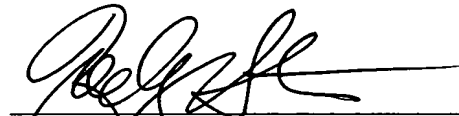
Claims 1-20, 31, and 32 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 11 are amended, and Claims 31 and 32 are added by the present amendment.

A Notice of Allowance was mailed on November 2, 2006 indicating that Claims 1-20 are allowed. Applicant respectfully submits that amendments to Claims 1 and 11 and new Claims 31 and 32 find support in the specification and claims as originally filed. Thus, no new matter is added.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the claims as presently amended and earnestly solicits an early and favorable action.

Respectfully submitted,

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